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## ALUMNI IN POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT BRING ATTENTION TO ALMA MATER .....

It's *always* a point of pride when I see alumni making their marks. From music to medicine to teaching to literature — whatever the profession, members of the Furman family consistently help to better the world. In doing so, they bring great honor to alma mater.

In recent months, three alumni who are no strangers to readers of university publications have earned extensive attention in the political arena.

The new year had barely begun before the announcement came that President Bush had named retired Vice Adm. **Mike McConnell** '66 director of national intelligence. McConnell is a former head of the National Security Agency and former senior intelligence officer for the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War, when he was often seen on television briefing the nation.

In recent years McConnell has been a vice president of Booz Allen Hamilton, a global strategy and consulting firm based in Falls Church, Va. Furman presented him its Distinguished Alumni Award in 1991.

In making the appointment, President Bush praised McConnell's experience, intellect and character and said, "He has decades of experience ensuring that our military forces have the intelligence they need to fight and win wars."

For his part, McConnell said, "Public service has always been my passion. I look forward to serving this great nation as we continue to fight the global war on terrorism and to face the many new challenges of the new century."

The November elections brought additional attention to two other Furman alumni.

Avoiding the pitfalls that many Republican candidates encountered in 2006, **Mark Sanford** '83 was re-elected governor of South Carolina.



*Mike McConnell*



*Mark Sanford*



*Baron Hill*

Sanford, who was kind enough to invite the Furman Singers to perform at both of his inaugurations, spent much of his first term battling with the state legislature over both the merits and the implementation of his agenda, which includes such issues as restructuring state government and education reforms. In a state where the legislature has long been more powerful than the governor, Sanford struggled to convince his legislative colleagues of the wisdom of most of his ideas, and the result was more acrimony than accomplishment.

But Sanford did seem to get along with the people of South Carolina. He was re-elected by a 10 percent margin — a larger victory margin than in 2002. As he begins his second term, he and the legislature have, at least publicly, indicated a willingness to set aside past differences and work together to find common ground, although rumblings still can be heard from both sides. It will be interesting to see how things transpire for Sanford, a notorious maverick who is not afraid to stand his ground and challenge the powers that be.

While Sanford won re-election, **Baron Hill** '75 was elected — again — to the U.S. House from the ninth district of Indiana.

Notice that I used the term "elected again." Hill, a Democrat who was a point guard for the Furman basketball team during the Joe Williams era,

had served in Congress from 1998 to 2004, when he lost in a bid for a fourth term to Republican Mike Sodrel. The 2006 election marked their third close race — Hill had edged Sodrel in 2002 — and this time the Furman alumnus rode the wave of disenchantment with Republican leadership back into office.

Hill is part of the "Blue Dog Coalition," a group of conservative-to-moderate Democrats who, according to their Web site, strive "to bridge the gap between ideological extremes." Perhaps he and his colleagues can help end the partisan bickering that has marred Washington politics in recent years.

As this year progresses, I encourage you to watch for news about the work of these gentlemen, all of whom deserve credit for their willingness to step into leadership roles during these critical times.

And I think it's safe to predict that, assuming arrangements can be made in the midst of their busy schedules, you'll see feature-length articles about each of them in future issues of this magazine.

**CLOSING NOTE:** I'd be remiss if I didn't include a brief reminder about Homecoming 2007, scheduled November 2-4. Beginning with the Class of 1947, special reunions are scheduled for classes ending in 2 and 7.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on your reunion committee or would like more information about Homecoming, please contact Tina Hayes Ballew '78, associate director of the Alumni Association, at [tina.ballew@furman.edu](mailto:tina.ballew@furman.edu) or by calling 1-800-PURPLE3.

— **TOM TRIPLITT** '76

*The author is director of the Alumni Association.*



## CLASS NOTES, WINTER 2007

### 49 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**Rosalie Manly Burnett** retired in October after 27 years as organist at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Greenville. She is also a longtime educator, having served as a principal at four schools in Greenville County. She is a member of the Furman Alumni Association Board of Directors.

### 51 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

On December 17, First Baptist Church of Gaffney, S.C., proclaimed that **Bobby Morrow** would henceforth have the title pastor emeritus.

### 52 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

In a November 14 ceremony held at Thompson-Boling Arena at the University of Tennessee, **James A. Prince** was inducted into the Knoxville Interscholastic League Boys Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He coached at Powell High School from 1959-68, winning 178 games.

### 58 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**Harry Eskew** of Macon, Ga., presented a paper titled "William Walker: Carolina Contributor to American Music" at the conference of the Society for American Music in Chicago. He presented "Georgia Origins of 'The Sacred Harp'" at the Georgia Baptist Historical Society conference. A retrospective exhibit of the art work of **Jackque Truluck Cook Warren** was held during the fall at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. After retiring as executive director of the YWCA of Oakland, Calif., she opened a studio in Fountain Inn, S.C., where she creates painted silk wearable art. She consults with congregations to help them develop programs to share their facilities and provide community service to families, and she is the author of "Open the Doors: A Guide for Serving Families in Sacred Places," a publication distributed nationally by Partners for Sacred Places.

### 59 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**Marvin Lynch** was awarded an honorary degree from Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., during the school's fall Commencement December 16. For 25 years he was director of admissions and an instructor in business administration at the school, which he continues to serve as a volunteer chaplain. He is a former teacher and coach at Ridge Spring-Monetta and Pamplico high schools. His team won the boys' state title in basketball at Pamplico in 1961.

### 66 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Gray Geddie** and **Lewis Smoak** of the Ogletree Deakins law firm in Greenville have been named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Gray has also been inducted into The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

### 68 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**James (Buddy) Jennings** of Spartanburg, S.C., has been appointed to the board of the Boiling Springs Community Bank. He is retired from Spartanburg School District 2, where he was superintendent. **John Thomas**, who practices in the areas of tax law, trusts and estates, and employee benefits with the Thomas & Fisher firm in Greenville, has been named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Donald Ubben** is a member of the board of the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in Amherst, a year-round residential retreat for superior professional artists from around the world.

### 69 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Patrick and **Katharine Mabie Hickie** live in Bristol, Tenn., where Kathy is a middle school teacher. She recently earned a doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from East Tennessee State University.

### 71 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Terry** and Tina **Deaver** live in Williamsburg, Va., where Terry is president of JTD Inc./Ace Peninsula Hardware.

### 73 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**Daniel Cloer** has joined RICOMM Systems of Mount Laurel, N.J., as senior director of business development. He was previously vice president of storage marketing at Silicon Image Corp.

**Ann Ralston Ferguson** is governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama. She is 12th in descent from Mayflower passenger Edward Fuller. She is a social work supervisor with the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

### 76 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**David DeWitt** has joined Actoras Partners, Ltd., of Hoffman Estates, Ill., as a senior management consultant.

### 77 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**BIRTH: Don** and Suzanne **Stilwell**, a son, Tommy, July 3, Chickamauga, Ga. Don is the publisher of the *Walker County Messenger*, *Catoosa County News* and *Fort Oglethorpe Press* newspapers.

### 78 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**Cynthia Huggins** has been given an ongoing appointment as president of the University of Maine at Machias. A professor of English, she has served the school as interim president, acting vice president for academic affairs, and co-chair of the arts and letters division. She is an executive board member for the Maine Higher Education Council, an editorial advisory board member for the journal *Bronte Studies* and a member of the board of the Sunrise County Economic Council. **Emma Nowak Watson** (M.A.), an English teacher at Eastside High School in Greenville, graduated from the Middlebury

College Bread Loaf School of English at Oxford University with a master's degree specializing in British literature. The Bread Loaf School is the country's oldest graduate school for secondary teachers of English.

### 79 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**Priscilla Waters Moench** has become a credit risk manager with Florida Capital Bank Group in Jacksonville.

**BIRTH: John** and Lila **White**, a daughter, Sarah Grace Patricia, January 5, 2006, Manakin Sabot, Va.

### 81 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Dan Holland** lives on Hilton Head Island, S.C., where he is president of CoastalStates Bank, a commercial bank with assets in excess of \$250 million. The bank has been recognized by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce as the sixth fastest growing company in the state.

**Robert Shippey** now serves as vice president for institutional advancement at Shorter College in Rome, Ga. He joined the Shorter faculty in 2003 as director of the Hugh F. Davis Center for Ministry Education and associate professor of religion. He was also assistant to the president. He previously worked at Truett-McConnell College and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### 82 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Elizabeth Parker Blansett** teaches at Camdenton (Mo.) Middle School. Georgia governor Sonny Perdue recently appointed **Martha Ellen McElyea** of Canton to the Superior Court of the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit. She had served as a juvenile court judge since 2000 and is a judicial advisory member of the State Board of Juvenile Justice.

## 2006-07 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harriet Arnold Wilburn '74, president; Randolph W. Blackwell '63, president elect; Clare Folio Morris '83, vice president; James H. Simkins, Jr. '78, past president; Rebecca Ann Armacost '89; Venita Tyus Billingslea '81; John M. Block '63; Edna Wells Boyd '54; J. Chris Brown '89; Rosalie Manly Burnett '49; H. Furman Cantrell '61; Bobby E. Church '78; David S. Cobb '90; Allen Cothran '01; George L. Johnson '68; Vicki Bieksha Johnson '93; L. Yates Johnson, Jr. '59; William A. Lampley '41; Charles W. Linder '59; J. Cordell Maddox '54; Joseph C. Moon, Jr. '76; Ellison L. Smith '89; Cynthia Black Sparks '80; Heyward M. Sullivan '59.

**Ex-Officio and Other Members:** David E. Shi '73, president; Donald J. Lineback, vice president for development; Tom Triplitt '76, director of Alumni Association; Jane Dungan, associate director of Alumni Association; Tina Hayes Ballew '78, associate director of Alumni Association; C. Todd Malo '95, president, Young Alumni Council; Tyner Ray '07, president, Student Alumni Council; Carrie Beth Wallace '07, president, Association of Furman Students; Will Bryan '07, president, Senior Class.

## 83 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Soprano **Karen Parks**, a voice teacher at Kennesaw State University in Marietta, Ga., recently performed in Milan and Helsinki. She will be featured on "Songs of the Americas," a CD project commissioned by Janet Reno. She is also forming her own production company.

**Martin Workman** was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Conway (S.C.) Kiwanis Club. Martin joined the town's police department in 2003 and serves as a school resource officer at Conway High School. He is a volunteer tutor and mentor at the Cherry Hill Community Center and participates in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise money for disabled children.

**BIRTH:** **Mark '84 and Debbie Sauer Hudson**, a daughter, Miriam, October 2006.

## 84 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**James May** of Lilburn, Ga., is an in-house lawyer with ING Investments. His wife, **Debra Innes '87 May**, a media specialist at Norcross Elementary School in Gwinnett County, Ga., earned her master's degree in instructional technology from the University of Georgia.

**Kristofer Strasser** of the Ogletree Deakins firm in Greenville has been named to the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**MARRIAGE:** **Ann Edmiston** and Tom Fitzgibbons, September 10, 2005. They live in Burlington, Ky.

## 85 NEXT REUNION IN 2010

In November, **David Ouzts** conducted a program of English choral music for the Memphis (Tenn.) Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The performance featured his choir, The Parish Choir of Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal), and the St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

Choir. The Parish Choir is scheduled to premier Memphis composer Stanley Friedman's *Moravian Cantata* in March. The Motet Choir, David's professional/auditioned adult choir, is preparing to release a CD.

## 86 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Tom Piper** has been appointed senior vice president and senior commercial lender of Independence National Bank in Greenville. Most recently he was a vice president and commercial lending officer with SunTrust Bank.

## 87 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Kenneth and **Lisa Lee Rust** of Lumberton, N.C., own and operate six McDonald's restaurants in southeastern North Carolina.

## 88 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**BIRTH:** **James** and Keri **Lawton**, a daughter, Madison Taylor, July 27, Orlando, Fla.

## 89 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**Marc Esper** of NBC Universal in New York City was recently promoted to the position of vice president of search.

After deployment to Iraq by the U.S. Army as comptroller of the 44th MEDCOM headquarters and executive officer for the 28th Combat Support Hospital, **Bryan Longmuir** is now assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., as chief financial officer for Madigan Army Medical Center and the Western Regional Medical Command.

**George Quarles**, who was profiled in the Summer 2006 issue of *Furman* magazine, coached Maryville (Tenn.) High School to its third consecutive Class 4A state football championship in 2006. His teams have won 45 games in a row and six state titles in the last seven years.

**BIRTHS:** Kevin and **Diane Thompson Kingery**, a son, Jonathan Thomas, September 12, Aiken, S.C.

**Rob and Sandy Martinez Little**,

a daughter, Katherine Ann, October 15, Plantation, Fla.

**David and Paula Edwards Wonders**,

a son, Kevin Richard, May 26, Clarkesville, Ga.

## 90 NEXT REUNION IN 2010

**Kelly Kirkpatrick McWhorter** has been named executive director of the Greenwood (S.C.) Regional Tourism and Visitors Bureau.

**MARRIAGE:** **Greg Michell** and Erica McKinney, July 1. They live in Atlanta.

**BIRTHS:** **Thomas** and Tara **Bates**, a son, Grady Emerson, August 15, Suwanee, Ga.

Tom works in IBM iSeries/Storage Sales with Canvas Systems.

**Kirk and Kate Stone** (M.A. '00) **Fisher**, a daughter, Olivia Kate, September 7.

Kirk has opened Cox & Fisher law firm in Greenville.

**Mike and Joan Ekins Martin**, a son, Tate Alexander, May 23, Greenville. Joan is corporate accounting manager with Michelin North America.

## 91 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Jennifer Piehl Glittenberg** and her husband, Joergen, teach at the International Community School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They previously taught in international schools in Argentina and Austria.

**Dawn Strickland**, a lecturer in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Furman, was awarded her doctorate in French linguistics from Indiana University in December.

**BIRTHS:** **Andrew** and **Joy Erwin '92 Coe**, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, July 31. They live in South Boston, Va.

**Chris** and Jamie **Whitley**, a daughter, Nicola Renee, March 21, Atlanta. Chris is a real estate developer.

## 92 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Keely Burrell** of Greenville is an attorney with Anderson and Herlong LLC.

**Chuck Meyers** was recently promoted to account supervisor by the William Mills Agency of Atlanta, the largest independent public relations firm serving the financial industry.

**Carl Sullivan**, who is news editor of Newsweek.com, has been named a senior writer for *Newsweek* magazine as well.

**MARRIAGE:** **Julie Mabry** and **Mike Dotson** (M.S. '94), September 2.

They live in Greenville.

**BIRTHS:** Kevin and **Leslie Clugston**

**Andres**, a son, James Dominic, September 12, Macon, Ga.

Keven and **Lisha Bridges Burnett**, a son, Jake Thomas, January 12, 2006. They live in Denver, Colo. Lisha heads communications and public relations for the U.S. headquarters of Suncor Energy, and Keven

works for the Stapleton development, the largest urban redevelopment project in the country.

Kevin Liske and **Lalah Manly**, a son, Kylin Brin Manly Liske, February 15, 2006, Pine Lake, Ga. Lalah is a music therapist with Clayton County (Ga.) Schools.

**Alden** and **Stacy Milam**, a son, Tate Anderson, September 5, Charlotte, N.C.

**Trey** and **Twyler Palmer**, a son, Mason William, March 20, 2006, Decatur, Ga.

Trey is a teacher, coach and athletic director at Druid Hills High School.

Ken and **Shellie Moses Shipley**, a son, Caiden Sterling, July 28. They live in Sahuarita, Ariz. Ken is a pharmacist and Shellie, a teacher at the Arizona School for the Deaf, is pursuing post-graduate work toward a reading specialist degree, focusing on the needs of deaf students.

## McNEELY SERVES AS ROLE MODEL FOR FUTURE JOURNALISTS

As a child, Patricia Gantt McNeely would sit in a pecan tree in the front yard of her family's farm in Greenville and dream of becoming a writer.

She first attempted to break into the journalism field while a freshman at Furman, when she approached the regional manager of *The Greenville News* and requested her own paper route. He responded that girls couldn't have paper routes, but offered to help her find another position.

That's how she became the *News*' first female copy "boy." As such, she worked 20 hours a week typing reporters' assignments, tracking down pictures and running errands for the city editor.

Then one day she was offered the opportunity to write a review of "The Lady's Not for Burning," a play at Furman that she was studying in an English class. The paper published her article exactly as she wrote it, and when she went to work the next day, her name was on the assignment sheet.

From that time forward she was a writer. She became a full-time reporter at the *News* after earning her English degree in 1960.

Pat met her husband, Al '57, while working in Greenville, where he was a sports writer for the afternoon paper. They married in 1961 and moved to Columbia. Al went on to a career in advertising, and Pat became an award-winning reporter for both *The Columbia Record* and *The State*, covering city and county government, health, education and welfare, and women's news. They have two children: Allison, a high school drama teacher and resident director at Town Theatre in Columbia, and Alan, a software developer in Portland, Ore.



After Pat earned her master's degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina, she was offered a part-time teaching position in the university's journalism school in 1972. The job became full time in 1974.

Her success as a reporter transferred to the classroom, as she became the only woman in the 83-year history of the journalism school to be promoted to full professor. During more than 30 years on the faculty she served as the school's associate dean and chaired the news editorial and the print and electronic sequences, and she is the only woman to hold an endowed professorship in the school.

In 2001 she was named National Distinguished Educator of the Year by the Newspaper Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. She served for 14 years as national coordinator of the *Reader's Digest* writing workshops, and she is the author of two books on the media in South Carolina.

When she retired from USC at the end of the 2006 fall semester, colleagues and former students sent notes praising her supportive attitude, "tough but tender" approach and encouraging nature.

Bob Bentley, a former newspaper editor, wrote that she is "the kind of journalism educator that editors love. That's because we know she could step into any newsroom in the nation and immediately improve the paper. . . . She brings a special credibility into the classroom that can be earned only in the field."

Pat's Furman pedigree is strong as well. Her twin brothers, Bill and Dick Gantt, are 1959 graduates; her father, William A. Gantt, Sr., earned a master's degree from Furman in 1955; and her mother, Alice Woodson Gantt, was a 1952 graduate. The family established the Alice Woodson and William A. Gantt, Sr., Scholarship in 1998.

As for her "retirement" plans, one of her main goals is to complete two books, which she says she's "determined to finish in the next couple of years."

*Adapted with permission from an article in the Fall 2006 issue of Intercom, a publication of the University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communications.*



### 93 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**Lane and Tracy Doster Jones** live in Matthews, N.C. Lane recently started Blakeney Real Estate, a residential and commercial real estate company.

**MARRIAGES:** **Christopher Gaskill** and Doreen Murphy, October 2, 2005. They live in Glendale, Calif. Chris co-founded Art Works Hollywood Inc., a set design/construction company that serves the film and photo industry, and Doreen produces television commercials.

**Allison Richardson** and Matthew Hilt, September 30. They live in Atlanta where Allison is an attorney with The Weathering Firm.

**BIRTHS:** **David** and Candice **Ashburn**, a son, David Allen III, August 4, Dexter, Mich.

Chapin and **Anne Marie Williamson**

**Fraze**, a daughter, Copeland Maria, September 1, Tallahassee, Fla.

John and **Kristen Gunder Hogan**, a son, Carter Chase, July 8, Atlanta.

**Chris** and Lisa **Knox**, a son, Adam Christopher, August 25, Greenwood, S.C.

**Mark** and Anne **Lofye**, a son, Mark, Jr., May 20, Atlanta.

Allan and **Stephanie Compton Turner**, a daughter, Lydia Margaret, October 27, 2005, Greenwood, S.C.

Bill and **Shannon Wilkerson Wilson**, a daughter, Katherine Mae, October 20, Greenville.

### 94 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**Kelly Jackson Davis**, owner of Davis Public Relations and Marketing, LLC, in Columbia, S.C., recently launched her company Web site, [www.davispublicrelations.com](http://www.davispublicrelations.com).

**Karen Martin-Wilkins** of Spartanburg, S.C., received a master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina last May. She works at SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition, a program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**MARRIAGES:** **Alisa Carter** and Kevin Delashmutt, June 25. Lisa is dependency case manager supervisor with Family Preservation Services, Inc., in Fort Pierce, Fla.

**Todd Colarusso** and Tiffany Riehle, August 26. Todd is an attorney at Constangy Brooks & Smith LLC in Atlanta, and Tiffany is a pediatrician.

**BIRTHS:** **Paul** and **Amy Kemp Comer**, a daughter, Abby, September 11, 2005, Mount Pleasant, S.C. Amy is market research manager with Blackbaud, Inc.

**Derek** and **Amy Sites '95 Roberts**, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, September 14, Hampstead, N.C.

**Will** and **Molly Waring**, a son, William Hayne IV, August 5, Summerville, S.C.

## WEBB STEPS DOWN AS ARMY'S DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL

A distinguished military career came to an end November 9 when Maj. Gen. Joseph G. Webb formally retired from active duty during ceremonies at Fort Sam Houston military base in San Antonio, Texas.

Webb, a 1967 Furman graduate, was the Army's Deputy Surgeon General, a position he assumed in July 2004. At the ceremonies, Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, Army Surgeon General, described Webb as "fiercely dedicated to our Army Medical Department. As the Deputy Surgeon General, he has been nothing short of brilliant."

A resolution passed November 15 by Congress praised Webb's "contributions to dental wellness" and "commitment to medical research." The resolution cited his efforts to establish a program to improve "significant recruiting and retention compromises in the Dental Corps of the Armed Forces that otherwise would have had a detrimental impact on the dental health of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines."

The resolution also lauded Webb "as a soldier, clinician and commander" who displayed "the highest levels of leadership, professional competence, integrity, and moral courage."

Roger Foxhall '73, a retired Army colonel now living in San Antonio, worked for Webb while in the military. Foxhall says, "Joe is a tremendously humble and quietly powerful leader who earned the respect



of thousands in the Army Medical Department for his balanced, caring and inclusive leadership style. Our Army and our nation owe him much, especially during this time of war. Our medics are doing heroic things daily. He has done Furman proud."

A native of Lake City, S.C., Webb graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina and completed

a residency in oral pathology at the Army Institute of Dental Research and Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He is an honor graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, where he was also class president.

He went on to hold a host of command, teaching and research positions in the United States and abroad, including Chief of the Army Dental Corps. Among his awards and commendations are the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

During the retirement ceremonies, Webb was presented the Distinguished Service Medal. His wife, Anne Compton, received the Commander's Award for Public Service and Certificate of Appreciation.

Webb told the crowd that he would miss military life but added, "I know the next couple of decades, at least, are in great hands because of soldiers like you. I would love to stay on, but the reality is, I have done about all I can do. I envy those who remain to face today's challenges and those that tomorrow will bring."

*Adapted with permission from an article by Cheryl Harrison in the November 16 issue of the Fort Sam Houston News Leader.*

## 95 NEXT REUNION IN 2010

**Robbie Flowers** of Wilsonville, Ore., completed his Ph.D. in forest entomology at Virginia Tech last May and works as a forest entomologist for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

**Tammy Gann** is associate director of the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

Working with Associated Production Music, composer **Chris Rickwood** was part of a team that updated the Monday Night Football theme, called "Heavy Action," for ESPN. Chris, who lives in Dahlonaga, Ga., recently worked on projects for Cartoon Network, Motorola, World Touch Gaming and Cadillac Jack. Visit his Web site, [www.rickwoodmusic.com](http://www.rickwoodmusic.com).

**MARRIAGES:** **Amy Justice** and Hank Perry, June 10. Amy teaches kindergarten at Savannah (Ga.) Christian Preparatory School and Hank is an associate pastor at Richmond Hill United Methodist Church.

**Sandi Padgett** and Charlie Riddle, August 26. They live in Goose Creek, S.C.

**ADOPTION:** **Steve and Heather Marie Vande Brake '96 Hunt**, a daughter, Sylvia Nelson Hunt, August 15, Englewood, Colo.

**BIRTHS:** **Mark** and Karibeth **Childress**, a daughter, Watson McCain, February 28, 2006, Suwanee, Ga.

**Jeff** and **Erin Welmaker Johnson**, a son, Zachary Daniel, May 25. They live in Kings Mountain, N.C.

**Eric** and Lauren **Light**, a son, Ryan Shae, September 19, Royal Palm Beach, Fla. Eric is an associate attorney with Belson & Lewis, LLP.

Jacinto and **Andrea Sheppard Lomba**, a daughter, Eva Lynn, January 27, 2006, Boston, Mass.

Cache and **Mia Brasco Miller**, a daughter, Penelope Rowan, May 19, Aiken, S.C. Mia is event director for the Aiken Steeplechase Association.

Todd and **Lisa Davis Rix**, a son, Owen Michael, May 6, North Charleston, S.C.

## FURMAN ON THE WEB

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**Brent Roberts** and **Lydia Pettigrew**, a daughter, Pera Rose Roberts, April 4, Mauldin, S.C.

**Scott** and Heather **Summers**, a son, Gavin Scott, August 22, Greenville.

Jerry and **Meredith Tomlinson Williams**, a son, Lee Alexander, November 5, Lillington, N.C. Meredith is an assistant professor of mathematics at Campbell University.

## 96 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Matt Bird** has joined First Savers Bank of Greenville as vice president of sales and business development. He previously worked with the American General Financial Group, BB&T and RBC Centura.

**Julie Prince Paré** and her husband, **Christopher** (M.A. '97), completed the MS 150 Breakaway to the Beach Bike Tour last September. They rode more than 150 miles from Columbia to North Myrtle Beach, S.C., to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. With Julie's father, the Parés raised \$5,175 in honor of Julie's sister, who has MS. More than 2,000 riders in the Carolinas took part.

**MARRIAGES:** **Robert Buntin** and **Nicole Judd** '99, May 13. They live in Greenville where Nicole is an attorney with Gallivan White & Boyd.

**Sara Anna Centioni** and Charles Christopher Kanos, September 16. Sara is a patent attorney with Nexsen Pruet, LLC, in Greenville, and her husband is a neurosurgeon with the Greenville Hospital System.

**Elizabeth Hodges** and David Pollet, May 12. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Elizabeth is communications manager with Wachovia.

**ADOPTION:** **Jeff** and **Janice Sitterson Looper** (M.A.), a daughter, Faith Alejandra, March 14, 2006. They live in Easley, S.C.

**BIRTHS:** **Paul** '98 and **Lisa Sexton Aiesi**, a daughter, Margaret Estelle, September 18. Paul is chief investment officer with TIC Properties in Greenville.

**Tim** and **Catherine Hinkle Austin**, a son, Thomas Andrew, July 17, Greenwood, S.C. Tim is an ophthalmologist at Greenwood Eye Clinic.

**Grant** '00 and **Sara Davidson Beachy**, a son, Colin, May 8, Travelers Rest, S.C.

**Mark** and **Deborah Drew Berry**, a son, Jackson Drew, June 9. Deborah is a vice president with Regions Bank in Charleston, S.C., and Mark is director of publications at the College of Charleston.

John and **Amanda Roberts McLean**, a daughter, Ella Catherine, February 22, 2006, Columbia, S.C.

**Jonathan** and Rebecca **Nixon**, a daughter, Katelyn, July 21, Atlanta.

Sam and **Joy Pistolis Rambo**, a daughter, Samantha Zoe, August 31, Greenville.

**David** and Charity **Roe**, a daughter, Emma-Grace Corrinne, December 15, 2005, Atlanta. David is a board certified pediatrician at Piedmont Pediatrics.

**Jeff** and **Ashley Rusbridge**, a son, Will, August 7, Canton, Ga. Jeff is an attorney with Dyer & Rusbridge, P.C.

Randy and **Alice Fry Shepley**, a daughter, Elizabeth, August 25, Marietta, Ga.

Allen and **Laurie Blossom Tubbs**, a son, Hunter, August 9, Atlanta.

## 97 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Angela Cameron Cunningham**, a cosmetic dentist in Johnson City, Tenn., received the "40 Under 40" award from the Business Journal of Tri-Cities Tennessee and southwest Virginia.

**Kenneth** '98 and **Kelly Galbert Fields** have been transferred to Clermont-Ferrand, France, by Michelin. Kenneth is an IS project office analyst with the company.

**MARRIAGES:** **Shelley Bridwell** and Andrew Noble, March 25, 2006. They live in Atlanta where Shelley is employed in marketing and sales with Pacific Southern Wine Company.

**Jonathan Hensley** and Nadia Blakemore, June 10. Jonathan is an attorney in Memphis, Tenn.

**BIRTHS:** **Troy** Matthew Nunley and **Lily Chang**, a daughter, Isabella Anne Chang-Nunley, September 19, McAllen, Texas. Troy and Lily are lecturers at the University of Texas-Pan American.

**Derek** and Kimberly **Nimmons**, a son, Justin Christopher, July 24. They live in Laurel, Md. Derek is an IT specialist (Macintosh) with the Newspaper Association of America.

**Matt** and **Rolyn Quattlebaum Rollins**, a daughter, Celie Ann, June 8. Both parents work at First Baptist Church of Greenville, Rolyn as a preschool teacher and Matt in the activities and recreation department.

**Ryan** and **Maureen Cook Zeo**, a daughter, Lauryn Shayla, June 9, Acworth, Ga. Maureen is a cardiac educator with WellStar Health System.

## 98 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**Christyne Bourne Brennan** has joined the Washington, D.C., office of the international firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP as a government contracts and litigation attorney.

**Kerik Cox** has been appointed tree fruit and berry pathologist at Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. He heads a statewide extension program addressing the causes and control of crop diseases.

**Kimberly Kirk** received a master's degree in business administration from Clemson University last May. She lives in Buford, Ga., and is vice president/controller at Hamilton State Bank.

**MARRIAGE: Paige Henson** and Phil Hollis, October 21. Paige is human resources coordinator with Infinity Software. They live in Tallahassee, Fla.

**BIRTHS: Reggie and Heather Shuping** '99 **Corley**, a son, Brandon Patrick, September 20, Lexington, S.C.

Clay and **Jennie Connor Council**, a son, John Connor, November 8, Marietta, Ga.

Matt Rodeheffer and **Valerie Horsley**, a daughter, Avery Elizabeth Rodeheffer, June 15, New York City. Valerie is a postdoctoral fellow at Rockefeller University.

James and **Melisa Brown McAbee**, a son, Connor James, August 4, Union, S.C. Shelby and **Christian Foree Ricketts**, a daughter, Caroline Darby, March 9, 2006, Dallas, Texas. Christy is director of marketing with Center Operating Company.

**Jim** and Melissa **Toth**, a son, Vance Eric, November 6, Knightstown, Ind.

## 99 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**Caren Chancey** of Gaithersburg, Md., completed her Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health last spring. She is an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education postdoctoral fellow with the Food and Drug Administration in Bethesda, Md.

**Robert Dreslin** is a resource teacher at the Gus A. Stavros Institute in Largo, Fla.

**Emily Newton Murphy** has been named associate director of annual giving at Furman.

**Jeffrey Dennis Turner** earned his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina and is employed as an instructor of philosophy at the University of South Carolina-Lancaster.

**Katja Wolski** defended her Ph.D. thesis on "The Sertoli cell-spermatid junctional complex: A potential avenue for male contraception" in October. She earned her degree from the University of South Florida and has accepted a postdoctoral position at the Monash Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, Australia.

**MARRIAGES: Brad Fellers** and Jessica Allison, May 13. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Megan Foote** and Paul Sidney Monsky, June 24. Megan is a senior staff attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice. They live in Alexandria, Va.

**Brennan Holdt** and Jimmy East, September 16. They live in Dallas, Texas, where Brennan is the international marketing manager for Heelys.

**Katherine Roberts** and Mike Goldberg, September 17. They live in Waipahu, Hawaii, and Kat works for General Dynamics.

**Kendall Strok** and Stephen O'Halloran, October 28. They live in Quincy, Mass.

**Natasha Youssef** and Jared Milbury, June 3. Natasha is a designer with 1010 Studio in Atlanta and Jared is a bank consultant with Bank Financial Services.

**BIRTHS: Newman** '00 and **Julie Mancini Bankston**, a daughter, Emelia Kathryn, April 26. Newman is an attorney with Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis P.C. in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Greg and Elizabeth Shortridge Childress**, a daughter, Sloan Elizabeth, November 2, Charlotte, N.C.

**Bob** and Christine **Crutchfield**, a daughter, Ansley Caroline, August 8, Atlanta. Bob is a project manager with IBM.

**Mark and Emily Turner Foster**, a daughter, Ella Madeline, September 14, 2005, Durham, N.C. Emily completed a pediatric residency last June and is in her first year of a pediatric neurology fellowship at Duke University Medical Center.

Chris and **Erin Paul Golden**, a son, Tyler, September 29, Nashville, Tenn. Erin and Chris are both occupational therapists. Devin and **Anne Elizabeth Grumann Gordon**, a son, Jack Wesley, May 30, Smyrna, Ga.

**Matthew** and Jennifer **Holson**, a daughter, Emily, August 12. Matt is an assistant public defender in St. Cloud, Minn.

P.J. and **Kimberley Blanchfield**

**Patterson**, a son, Jackson Fields, August 7, Jacksonville, Fla.

**Mark and Kristi Hultstrand Reed**, a son, Marshall Scott, May 23, West Hartford, Conn.

**Jeff and Holly Harper Roberts**, a son, William Everett, August 21, Marietta, Ga.

Jonathan and **Amanda Mancke Sherer**, a son, Eli Mancke Sherer, October 17, West Columbia, S.C.

**Pat and Sarah Nefzger Veith**, a son, Ryan Patrick, April 12, Alexandria, Ky. Sarah is an attorney with the Javitch Block Rathbone firm.

## 00 NEXT REUNION IN 2010

**Charles Brian Crane** earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from Emory University, with a concentration in graph theory. He is an assistant professor of mathematics at Goshen (Ind.) College.

**Daniel Hughes** has joined the Greenville law firm of Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomason.

**Kristyn Kincaid** of Dunwoody, Ga., recently earned an MBA degree from Georgia State University. She is sales coordinator with Georgia Turf.

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**Nicole Pascoe Ream** has been hired by Coldwell Banker Caine in Greenville as a residential sales associate. She previously was marketing manager for TiBA Solutions.

**Teodor Simeonov** of Alpharetta, Ga., has been promoted to regional director of performance for Lafarge East Business Unit.

**Izetta Simmons** recently headed to Ghana, where for the next two years she will be a health officer at the West Africa regional mission based in Accra.

**Tracy Towle** (M.A. '01) works for Shake-A-Leg Miami, a non-profit educational and recreational organization that fosters independence and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and other challenges. *The Miami Herald* recently ran an article featuring Tracy and her dedication to nutrition and exercise.



**Brittany Williams** is a major gifts officer with United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. She completed her MBA degree in marketing at Georgia State University in August.

**MARRIAGES: Lindsay Blankenship** and Eric Miller, June 13. They live in Washington, D.C., where Lindsay is manager of membership development with the National Beer Wholesalers Association.

**Alison Kraigsley** and Mark Saunders, August 5. Alison is a research assistant at the University of Southern California and is working toward a Ph.D. in molecular biology.

**BIRTHS: James and Ashley Rayl '01 Bright**, a son, Caden Tyler, August 20, Vero Beach, Fla. James is district manager in marketing and sales with the Kellogg Company.

Heath and **Paula Banas Duncan**, a son, Jacob Edward, August 6, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Kevin** and Lisa **Heins**, a daughter, Ava Grace, October 11, New York City. Kevin is vice president of the Wholesale Acquisitions Group of JPMorgan Chase.

Mark and **Elizabeth Head Lamback**, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, September 8, Marietta, Ga. Elizabeth is orchestra director at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School. Kevin and **Amelia McCutcheon**

**McDougal**, a son, John Fripp, December 27, 2005, Augusta, Ga.

**Gil** and Anna **McSwain**, a daughter, Abigail Joy, November 14, 2005, Bradenton, Fla. Gil is an employee leasing consultant with Moore Employer Solutions.

**Andy** and **Lesley Morgan '01 Peters**, a son, John Morgan Peters, October 8, Atlanta. Lesley is a real estate agent with Keller Williams Realty Peachtree Road, and Andy is a sales supervisor with Quench USA.

## 01 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Carrie Fisher** has joined the Greenville law office of Turner, Padgett, Graham & Laney in the torts and insurance practice area. She previously served as a clerk to

the Hon. Karen Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

**Mary Margaret Flannagan** is associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin, Fla.

**Sherra Harrison** received her J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina last spring and is studying for an LL.M. degree in taxation at New York University.

**Kristie McWilliams Oliver** is completing a Master of Science degree in parks, recreation and tourism management from Clemson University. She is director of intramurals and an instructor at Spartanburg (S.C.) Methodist College and is also a site manager with the Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Department.

**MARRIAGES: Emily Coleman** and Wes Botts, September 16. They live in Birmingham, Ala., where Emily is an account manager with Oakstone Publishing. **Annah Christine Daniel** and Darion Morgan, November 11. Christine is marketing coordinator for Coldwell Banker Caine in Greenville.

**Courtney Denning** and David Ciommo, September 16. Courtney is a social worker with Genesis ElderCare in Annapolis, Md.

**Courtney Harmon and David Kimball**, July 15. David graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of South Carolina School of Law last May and is a clerk with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Courtney completed her Master of Fine Arts degree in painting at Radford University. They live in Columbia, S.C.

**Kathryn Heard** and Kevin Day, August 5. They live in Jacksonville, Fla. Katie recently received her Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and is associate pastor for youth and their families at Palms Presbyterian Church.

**Jennifer Kempf and Bill Booth**, September 23. Jennifer is an accountant with Ernst & Young LLP and Bill is an economic and valuation services manager with KPMG LLP. They live in Atlanta.

**Bridgette Martin** and Patrick Hard,

August 12. Bridgette recently earned a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Stanford University.

**James Neves and Lori Hill '03**, October 21. James is a research assistant and fourth-year Ph.D. student in chemistry at the University of Georgia.

**James Wesley Page and Casey Lauren Blackwell '02** (M.A. '05), November 18. They live in Greenville, where he is a communications specialist at BB&T and she teaches fifth grade at Blythe Academy.

**Amanda Pitts and Lee Bennett '02**, March 11, 2006. Lee is an attorney with Fulcher Hagler LLP in Augusta, Ga., and Amanda is director of public relations with the American Red Cross.

**Julia Spalding** and Stephen Crigler, August 20, 2005. They live in Birmingham, Ala., and Julia is strategic marketing manager with Lawler Ballard Van Durand.

**Darcy Walker** and Jonathan Krause, September 3. They live in Philadelphia, Pa. Darcy is a labor and employment associate at Littler Mendelson and Jonathan is an associate at Morgan Lewis & Bockius.

**Frost Armstrong Walker** and Karis Dess Kennerly, October 21. They live in Greenville.

**BIRTHS: David and Rachel Bishop Baxter**, a daughter, Ellie, September 15, Greenville. Dave is area director for Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church.

Sean and **Mary Tyson Davis Bradshaw**, a daughter, Mary Claire, August 5, Aurora, Ill.

Jess and **Katelyn Murphy Lawrence**, a son, Aaron William, July 7, Athens, Ga.

## 02 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

**Rebekah Ballard** graduated fourth in her class from Wake Forest University School of Law last May. She was a teaching assistant for legal research and writing, a staff member of the *Law Review* and a member of the Moot Court. She has joined the Lexington, Ky., office of Frost Brown Todd LLC.

**Emily Clarke** works at Erwin-Penland advertising agency in Greenville. She is active in several community organizations, including the Metropolitan Arts Council and the advisory board for the Children's Museum of the Upstate.

**Susan Gregory** earned a Master of Science degree in forest resources and wildlife from the University of Arkansas-Monticello and is a private lands biologist with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

**Felice Ferguson Knight** is a candidate for a Ph.D. in history at Ohio State University. She earned a master's degree last May through a joint degree program at The Citadel and the University of Charleston.

**Rebecca Simonds McSwain** was named an "Outstanding Volunteer" in Northwestern Mutual's national community service award program for her exceptional contributions to Young Life of Manatee County, Fla. As a result, the company's foundation awarded the Young Life affiliate a \$10,000 grant on her behalf.

**Andrew and Piper Lanier '04 Moritz** live in Richmond, Va., where Andrew is in his first year as an orthopedic surgery resident at Virginia Commonwealth University. Piper works as a program assistant for VCU's HIV/AIDS Center.

**Sarah Scopel** is an associate with the law firm of Hunton & Williams, LLP, in Washington, D.C. She received her degree from Northwestern Law School last May.

**Hilary Shank** of Dickson, Tenn., is a special education preschool teacher. She graduated from Vanderbilt University last May with a master's degree in early childhood special education.

**Thomas Twilley** graduated from the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry last May and is now in private practice in Toccoa, Ga.

**MARRIAGES: David Block and Jennifer Noble**, September 3. They live in Simpsonville, S.C. David works for Diversified Coatings Systems, Inc.,

and Jennifer works for the Alpharetta, Ga.-based MarketSource, Inc.

**Bryan Boroughs and Adair Ford,** October 7. They live in Menlo Park, Calif., where Adair attends law school at Stanford University.

**Ashley Fletcher and Hal Frampton,** June 20. Hal is a law clerk for Judge Thomas Ambro in Wilmington, Del.

**Kate Gusmer** and Russell Cole, August 19. They live in Redwood City, Calif. Kate, who last May earned her J.D. degree (with honors) and Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan, is an attorney at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges. Russ is an attorney at Latham & Watkins.

**Kristin Little** and Matt Dawson, August 19. They live in Lexington, Ky.

**Rebecca Neal** and Jonathan Tompkins, August 12. Rebecca earned a master's degree in mass communications from the University of South Carolina. Jonathan has begun his first year of seminary at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

**Jessica Sumner** and Will Barrett, August 19. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**BIRTHS:** Joseph and **Amanda Oksala Giacometti**, a son, Isaac Joseph, July 9, New Fairfield, Conn.

**Josh** and Kelly **Sass**, a son, Luke William, June 19, Bethlehem, Ga.

## 03 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

**Laura Bush** graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law last spring and is an attorney with the Wilson County (Tenn.) District Attorney's Office.

**Allison Graves-Kretlow** has received a fully funded fellowship to pursue a Ph.D. in special education at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. She is doing research on literacy and working on a federal grant promoting access to the general curriculum for students with disabilities.

**Clifford Schlecht** and his wife, Corrin, live in St. Louis, Mo., where Cliff is a graduate assistant at Washington University.

**Spurgeon Smith**, formerly an admissions counselor at Furman, is a casting assistant with Central Casting in New York City.

**Betsy Buchanan Tanner**, who graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law last May, is a law clerk with the Augusta (Ga.) Judicial Circuit.

**MARRIAGES:** **Sarah Burnett** and **James Granberry** '04, September 16. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where she works at Vanderbilt University as a speech pathologist and he is in the commercial real estate business at Freeman Webb Companies.

**Christine Chen** and Christopher Zinner, September 9. Christine received her J.D. degree from the Georgia State University College of Law last May and is the 2006 Esther Peterson Fellow for Consumer's Union, the non-profit publisher of *Consumer Reports*. She and her husband live in Alexandria, Va.

**Kyra Cox** and **Bryan Zollman** '07, December 2. Kyra works in computing and information services at Furman.

**Matthew Dobbs** and Taylor Stewart, September 30. Matt is a student at the University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Medicine.

**Jamie Grove** and Gary Cressend, October 7. They live in Augusta, Ga., where she is a physical therapist and he is a golf professional.

**James Johannes** (M.A.) and **Kelley Nichols**, August 26. Kelley works as a physical therapist and James is an exercise physiologist in cardiac rehabilitation. They live in Indian Trail, N.C.

**Jessica Miller** and Matt Kelley, October 14. They live in Nashville, Tenn. Jessica recently completed her Master of Theological Studies degree at Vanderbilt University and works as a customer and market development specialist with the United Methodist Publishing House.

**John Grady Powell** and Sarah Lynn Dunson, September 9. Sarah Lynn is a nurse at the Children's Medical Center in Greenville and John is an account executive at Erwin Penland advertising agency.

**BIRTHS:** **Jonathan** and **Kelley Fitzgerald Caskey**, a daughter, Kiran Elizabeth, September 7. They live in South Asia. Steven and **Erin Schneider Hearndon**, a son, Keegan Christopher, June 18, Greenville. Erin works in marketing for Prudential Commercial Real Estate/C. Dan Joyner Co.

## 04 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

**Christopher Foster** received a master's degree in accounting from Kennesaw State University last May and works as a staff auditor with Ernst & Young, LLP, in Atlanta.

**MARRIAGES:** **Jennifer Avery** and Max Iloff, September 1. They live in Sacramento, Calif., and Jennifer works as an administrator/executive assistant with the DTL Corporation/Mori Seiki.

**Justin Russel Baldwin** and Julie Mingus, May 27. Both are pursuing Master of Divinity degrees at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky in preparation to become priests in the Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches. Justin is also an officer in the U.S. Army Chaplain Candidacy Program.

**Erin Boehmke** and Devon Accardi, October 14. They live in Johnson City, Tenn.

**Cathleen Carlson** and Ryan Pavelka, September 2. Cathy is office manager for Faith Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka, Minn.

**Heather McKenzie Carson** and Trent Patterson, January 15, 2006. Heather owns a private voice studio in Orlando, Fla.

**Margaret Anne Dahm** and Nathaniel Guernsey, July 23. They live in Centreville, Va., and Mandy is development coordinator for Reston Interfaith.

**Caroline Flowers** and Richard Woodward, September 30. They live in Dallas, Texas.

**James Robert Holtzclaw** and **Tia Nicole Stevens**, May 21. They live in Chapel Hill, N.C., where Tia is a research assistant at the University of North Carolina.

**Hagan Jordan** and **Dena Pope**, June 16. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

**Elaine Kelly** and **Paul Wilder**, July 15. They live in Durham, N.C.

**John Carol Marks** and Anna Taylorson, June 6. They live in Fort Mill, S.C. John is a reporter with the *Lake Wylie Pilot* and Anna teaches at Fort Mill Elementary School.

**Rick McIntyre** and **Marisa Krepfle** '05, June 10. They live in Carbondale, Ill., where Marisa is a student at Southern Illinois University School of Law.

**Robert Hofler Milam** and **Debra Granberry** '05, July 15. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Joyce Monforte** and Chris Hollins, June 17. They live in Franklin, Tenn. Joyce is an administrative assistant in the music ministries department of Brentwood United Methodist Church and is pursuing a master's degree in professional counseling at Middle Tennessee State University.

**Amanda Parsons** and Kevin Jones, July 22. They live in Kingsport, Tenn.

**Reid Patrick** and Todd Warren, June 20. They live in Greenwood, S.C., where Reid is on the biology faculty at Greenwood High School.

**Brandon Poole** and Kimberly Shayne Loadholt, June 17. He is a lead recruiter for MDI Medical and she is an attorney with Oracle in Atlanta.

**Lindsey Anne Warren** and Thomas Jocks, December 27, 2005. They live in Oberlin, Ohio, where she teaches voice in her home and at Avon Lake School of Music. She is also music director for Birmingham United Methodist Church.

## 05 NEXT REUNION IN 2010

**Ashley Jackson** entered the University of Memphis (Tenn.) in August to pursue a master's degree in psychology.

**Ashley Stewart** is in her second year of study for a master's degree in mass communication at the University of South Carolina.

**MARRIAGES: Bernadette Frances**

**Allegood** and Josh Skodack, August 12. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Andrew Pendley** and **Tracey Nance** '06, June 17, Norcross, Ga. They live in Chicago. Andrew is a second year medical student at the University of Chicago, where Tracey is working toward a Ph.D. in sociology.

## 06 NEXT REUNION IN 2011

**Amber Michelle Bender** of Kaukauna, Wis., is a graduate student in forensic science at Arcadia University.

**Michele Camp** is a partner with Bridgeway Capital Management in Houston, Texas.

**Dixie Lynn Clayton** is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the University of Georgia.

**John Flynn** has been hired by Ferebee/Lane Brand Communications in Greenville as a copywriter.

**Sarah Mary Horick** of Tallahassee, Fla., is pursuing a Master of Music degree in composition at Florida State University.

**Matt Jernigan** of Charlotte, N.C., is an assistant property manager with Childress Klein Properties.

**Melissa Jimenez** has been hired by The Bounce Agency in Greenville as a graphic artist.

**Elizabeth Lynn Marler** is studying dental medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

**Charlotte McIlroy** is a publishing coach with BellSouth Advertising & Publishing in Greenville.

**Erin Christina Monahan** is a volunteer with the Peace Corps in Honduras.

**Adam Regan** works as a sports writer for the *Martinsville (Va.) Bulletin*.

**Dawn Diane Sheppard** is a marketing specialist with Deloitte and Touche in Atlanta.

**Tia Marie Vice** of Travelers Rest, S.C., works for the Greenville Literacy Association and is an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer.

**Robert Wehagen** of Arlington, Va., is a staff assistant with the Committee on House Administration in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Elizabeth Weith** has been selected to be a leadership consultant for Kappa Kappa Gamma® Fraternity.

**Kelsey Worrell** is a search consultant with Westport International in Greenville.

**Kaaren Younts** is pursuing a master's degree at the University of South Carolina.

**MARRIAGES: Travis Martin Cooper** and Keithi Staton, June 24. They live in Simpsonville, S.C. Travis is employed in programming at MetLife and Keithi works at Mauldin Elementary School.

**Ben Gaskins** and **Sarah Dorean Zipperer**, July 30. They live in Tallahassee, Fla.

**Jamie Jones** and Michael Hedges, March 4. They live in Easley, S.C.

**Jessica Knight** and Avery Miller, October 14. They live in Baltimore, Md.

## DEATHS

**James Dew, Sr.** '32, October 12, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. He was a high school teacher before entering the U.S. Navy during World War II. After leaving the Navy he was associated with D.M. Dew and Sons in Latta, S.C., then relocated to Ocean Drive Beach to be owner/manager of the family-owned Dew Company Inc., a hardware and appliance store. He was the first ACE Hardware dealer in South Carolina and a former director and president of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas. He served two terms on the Furman board of trustees and also was on the boards of a number of community organizations. A member and past president of the Ocean Drive Beach Lions Club and a member of the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame, he was instrumental in the development of the Horry County Arts Council.

## CLASS NOTES POLICY

Because of the large number of submissions and clippings Furman receives for the magazine's class notes section and the time needed to review, compile and edit so much information, news items frequently are not published until five or six months after they are submitted.

*Furman* magazine does not publish dated items (anything more than 18 months old at time of publication) or engagement announcements. Birth and marriage announcements for alumni couples who graduated in different years are included under the earliest graduation date (except if requested otherwise); they are not listed under both classes. When submitting items, please include your spouse's or child's name, whether your spouse is a Furman graduate, and the date and city where the birth or marriage occurred.

Send news to the Office of Marketing and Public Relations, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613, or e-mail to [alumni@furman.edu](mailto:alumni@furman.edu). Selected information submitted to the on-line alumni registry (<http://alumni.furman.edu>) is included in class notes.

**Lucas Lide Sparrow** '32, September 25, Hartsville, S.C. He began work with Sonoco Products in 1932 and remained there for 42 years. He was a charter member of the first board of directors of the Sonoco Credit Union and a lifelong member of the Sonoco Oldtimers Club. He also worked with the Big Brothers Program of Hartsville.

**Elizabeth Gantt Randolph Holmes** '34, September 11, Greenville.

**Marie McDavid Barrett** '35, September 3, Durham, N.C.

**Guy Wilson Middleton** '36, September 8, Easley, S.C. He was a high school principal and coach and was also associated with McCall Brothers in Easley and Sangamo Electric Company in Pickens.

**Ellis Marion Jamison, Sr.** '37, September 21, Easley, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran and worked for the War Department in Oak Ridge, Tenn., during World War II. He was founder and owner of Jamison Furniture Company. The Rotary Foundation named him a Paul Harris Fellow for his many years of service as a member and past president of the Easley Rotary Club.

**Ruth Waldrop Sylvester** '37, November 18, Greenville. She was a captain in the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines during World War II. She was retired from Civil Service Nursing.

**Mary Wigfall Cheatham Henline** '38, September 22, Greenville. She retired in 1974 after teaching for 36 years. She was a member of the Kappa Gamma honorary teachers' society, was on the board of the YMCA and was a staff member of Camp Burgiss Glen.

**Robert Query, Jr.** '38, March 3, 2006, Montgomery, Ala. He was a member of Rotary and the Alabama Retailers Association, and was an active community volunteer.

**Julian Wright Smith, Jr.** '39, October 18, Taylors, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from Shedd Bartush Food Corp. after 30 years and later was associated with Liberty Life Insurance Company for 18 years.



## A SCHOLAR AND A GENTLEMAN: GEORGE TINDALL, 1921-2006 .....

George Brown Tindall '42, one of the nation's most respected historians, died December 2 in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 85.

Renowned for his detailed scholarly work and stylish prose, Tindall, a Greenville native, wrote several acclaimed books on Southern history. He spent the majority of his academic career at the University of North Carolina, where he earned his graduate degrees and from which he retired in 1990 as Kenan Professor of History.

Tributes to Tindall cited his status as an early advocate of racial equality and as one of the first white historians to look without blinders at the black experience in the South. He was also credited with pioneering the discussion of Southern myths, which he said white Southerners developed after the Civil War to explain how what they considered a just and noble cause could have been lost.

His signature work, which took him more than 11 years to write, was *The Emergence of the New South, 1913-1945*, winner of the Southern Historical Association's Charles Sydnor Award in 1968 as the year's best book on Southern history. In 1994, historian Charles B. Dew described *Emergence* as one of "the twin peaks of New South historiography," the other being C. Vann Woodward's *Origins of the New South, 1877-1913*.

Tindall's first book, adapted from his doctoral dissertation and published in 1952, was *South Carolina Negroes, 1877-1900*. In tracing the fortunes of blacks in the state from the end of Reconstruction to the start of the Jim Crow era, the book was important because, as retired Furman professor A.V. Huff, Jr., has said, it "focused on the black experience before it became such a major topic with the civil rights movement, and it influenced the subsequent interpretations of the period."

In a profile in the Summer 1990 *Furman Magazine*, Tindall said, "I suppose if I've made any contribution to new insights, it's with *South Carolina Negroes*."

Among his other books were *The Disruption of the Solid South* (1972), *The Persistent Tradition in New South Politics* (1975) and *Natives & Newcomers: Ethnic Southerners and Southern Ethnics* (1995).

Tindall was also an editor and contributor to the *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, a 1656-page



compilation published in 1989 by UNC Press. The volume's co-editor, William Ferris, a former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities and senior associate director of UNC's Center for the Study of the American South, called Tindall a "great teacher and a great scholar, and his legacy as a Southern historian is outstanding. His scholarship was extraordinary, but his personal warmth and generosity also were beyond measure."

In recent years Tindall received additional acclaim as co-author, with Furman president David Shi, of *America: A Narrative History*. Publisher W.W. Norton & Company recently released the seventh edition of the book, which has been lauded for its lively narrative and balance of political, social and cultural history. According to Norton, *America* is used by more than a million students and is among the most successful history textbooks ever published.

Of his friend and colleague, Shi said, "I had the great good fortune to know George for 20 years. He was not only one of the nation's leading historians and a beloved professor, he was a wise and patient mentor,

a man of great dignity and dimension with a charming wit and lively curiosity. His prose was as lucid and as engaging as his conversation, and he loved to read, to teach, to write, and to laugh."

The Tindall name was indeed synonymous with Southern gentility, and his influence lives on not only in his scholarly work, but in a host of former students now teaching throughout the country. To recognize his contributions to their careers and to American scholarship, many of them wrote essays for *The Adaptable South*, published in Tindall's honor in 1991 by Louisiana State University Press.

George Tindall is survived by his wife, Blossom McGarrity Tindall '42; a son, Bruce Tindall, and a daughter, Blair Tindall; and a grandson. Memorials: The George B. Tindall Endowed Lectureship and Scholarship Fund, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

To read an excerpt from the 1990 *Furman Magazine* article about Tindall, visit [www.furman.edu/fumag](http://www.furman.edu/fumag).

**June Williams Collinson Gibson** '40, October 14, Greenville. She worked in the public relations and alumni offices at Furman and later was active with the Greenville Little Theatre, serving as its secretary and as a board member. She was a past member of the board of the YWCA, a past member of the Guild of the Greenville Symphony board, and a longtime volunteer in the Greenville Hospital System. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Enoch Morgan** '40, September 8, Asheville, N.C. He was a minister for Southern Baptist churches in the Carolinas, Indiana and Maryland for 62 years. He served as president of ministers' conferences in Clinton, S.C., and Boone, N.C.; president of Interdenominational Pastors' Conference in Piedmont, S.C.; and vice moderator of Three Forks Association in Boone, N.C. He was the author of *How the Deacon Can Help the Pastor*, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. His sermons were also published in the *Charlotte* (N.C.) *News* and in other newspapers.

**Darrell Richardson** '40, September 19, Memphis, Tenn. He was a pastor at a juvenile rehabilitation center and also at three churches in Kentucky. He was on active duty as a U.S. Army chaplain from 1953 to 1961, and later served as editor of special materials for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. He was a published author.

**Verona McCrary Thomas** '40, November 7, West Columbia, S.C. She served for many years as a school and municipal librarian and was an active volunteer as a literacy tutor. From age 67 to 69, she served as a librarian in St. Vincent with the Peace Corps and from age 74 to 75 as an English teacher in Hungary.

**Amy Sadler Connor** '41, September 22, Mount Pleasant, S.C. She taught in elementary schools in New York, Richmond, Va., and Edisto Island, S.C. She was a founding member of the Edisto Island Historical Preservation Society and was a member of the Lowcountry Open Land Trust, the Charleston Preservation Society, the Nature Conservancy and the Edisto Island Community Association.

**Mary Elizabeth Grace Stebbins** '41, September 18, Miami, Fla. She was an office worker at several businesses during World War II. She moved to Miami in 1951, where she was active in civic work and was a hospital volunteer.

**Roy Lee Walters** '41, September 10, Greenville. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, having served as a member of the 1st Marine Division. He retired from the Corps as a lieutenant colonel after serving 29 years in the Reserves. He was co-founder and president of Monroe (N.C.) Oil Company and later founded Royal Oil Company and Royal Distributors. He was a member of the Masons, the Shriners and the Monroe Jaycees, and was president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Margaret Lanelle Penney Banks** '42, September 10, Spring, Texas. The wife of a career Army officer, she served with the American Red Cross during World War II. She went on to a career as a school teacher and was a longtime member of the American Association of University Women.

**Ellen Drake Butler** '42, August 19, Greenville. She was a member of the Women's Reserve of the U.S. Marine Corps and served during World War II.

**Edna Hanks Williams** '43, September 11, Norway, S.C.

**John Schieffer** '44, April 18, Merrick, N.Y. He was a retired sales manager with Zykes Lumber Company.

**Beverly Davidson Jamison** '45, August 30, Vinings, Ga.

**Jean Myers Smith** '45, November 18, Greer, S.C. She was the wife of the late South Carolina state Sen. Verne Smith and was active in numerous religious and charitable organizations.

**Carl Edward Buck, Jr.** '46, October 3, Bamberg, S.C. He was a World War II Army veteran and had retired as a mechanical engineer with Dan River Mills.

**Sybil Burns Griffith** '46, August 5, Fort Lawn, S.C. She was retired from Lancaster County School District.

**William Francis Bagwell, Jr.** '47, September 21, Due West, S.C. He had a long and varied career as a writer, educator and human rights advocate. He was a public relations writer and editor at a variety of stops, including Furman, and for three years served as non-governmental representative for the Society of Friends at the United Nations in New York City. For nearly a decade he worked as a human rights advocate and mediator in many of the South's critical racial situations under the auspices of the Society of Friends. The author of several books, he worked with the United Nations Association, the Southern Regional Council, American Civil Liberties Union, National Association of Human Rights Workers, Sigma Chi journalism fraternity, NAACP, Fellowship of Southern Churchmen and the Adult Education Association. He was a founder and first president of the Greenville County Human Relations Council. During World War II he served three years as a medical corpsman in the U.S. Army.

**Sarah Amelia Gault** '47, November 5, Greenville. She began her career with Hales Jewelers in 1945 as a sales representative and bridal consultant. In 1963 she became a sales representative for Josten's Graduation Services, retiring in 1986.

**Charles McLawhorn** '47, October 6, Greenville. After a distinguished career in education, he enjoyed a second career as an actor in television and films. He taught at a military school in Virginia for a number of years, then came to Greenville in 1967 and served as an administrator in the county school system, retiring from the school district in 1987 as director of finance. He then went on to star in community theatre productions and eventually played a variety of roles in commercials, television and films. His credits included the movie, "Big Fish," a number of made-for-TV productions, and several episodes of the television series "Matlock." He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

**Mary Evelyn Murphy Livingston** '48, October 7, Ridge Spring, S.C. She retired after 28 years of service to the Aiken County (S.C.) School District.

**Esther Greene Rogers** '48, November 14, Greenville. She was a retired choral teacher from Parker High School and was a church choir director for 52 years. She was Miss South Carolina in 1948.

**James Edgar Brandon** '49, October 30, Lake Wales, Fla. He was a teacher and school principal until his retirement in 1977. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II.

**Lloyd Norwood Dillard** '49, October 8, Easley, S.C. He was a builder of commercial swimming pools throughout the Southeast, including the first pool built on Hilton Head Island, S.C. He also started the magazine *The Piedmont Trading Post*.

**Frank Dill Drake** '49, September 14, Hendersonville, N.C. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving as a sharpshooter with the 2nd Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. He played semi-pro and professional basketball from 1950 to 1952 before returning to Hendersonville, where he was self-employed in the solid waste business for 50 years. He served on the Henderson County Solid Waste Commission for 15 years, was an outdoors writer for the *Asheville Citizen* for 17 years and had an

outdoors radio program for five years. He worked with the U.S. Forest Service, N.C. Wildlife Commission and Henderson County School System, promoting wildlife conservation.

**Sethie Prue Hester** '51, October 30, Greenville. He was pastor of Reedy River Baptist Church for 36 years and was pastor emeritus at the time of his death. He held interim pastorates for 22 different churches in Greenville County. He served on many denominational committees and was a former moderator of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

**Earline Cooper Brett** '52, November 3, Kenersville, N.C. She retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System as a financial secretary. She was the first secretary to the first president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and was secretary of the Department of Pastoral Care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

**Petesy White Edwards** '52, October 23, Fountain Inn, S.C. She was a reading specialist in the Greenville County schools and was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa Iota Chapter, Teachers Sorority.

**Wade Godfrey, Jr.** '52, September 3, Ninety Six, S.C. He was pastor of a number of Baptist churches in South Carolina.

**Jane Grimison Riggins** '52, November 3, Newberry, S.C. She was a retired first grade teacher with Newberry Academy. She was active in numerous local organizations, serving as volunteer coordinator for the Newberry Opera House and as president of the Newberry College Faculty Women's Club.

**Winfred Terry Cockman** '53, August 7, Elon, N.C. He was pastor of City Lake Baptist Church of Burlington, N.C., at the time of his death and had previously served churches in Elon and Morehead City, N.C. He was the former minister of education at First Baptist Church of Charlotte, former associate minister of First Baptist Church of Laurens, S.C., and adult team leader of

the Mount Zion Association. In addition to his ministry, he wrote two books, *Expanding the Mind and the Heart Through Prayer* and *Ideal Blend*. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

**George Norval Knight** '53, August 22, Wilmington, N.C. He served as pastor of several Baptist churches in the Carolinas.

**Robert Lee Snead** '54 (M.A. '61), September 30, Hodges, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. After 36 years in education, he retired in 1992 as principal of Belton-Honea Path High School.

**Jack Gregory** '55, October 5, Madison, Miss. He was a Baptist minister for 51 years, pastoring congregations in the Carolinas before accepting a pastorate with West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc, Miss. He went on to serve several churches in Mississippi and Tennessee before retiring in 1999.

**Wayne Smith Mann** '56, October 21, Greenville. She was a talented gardener and active in a variety of civic programs.

**Margery Mayfield Bennett** '57, October 2, Cheraw, S.C. She taught in South Carolina schools for 25 years.

**Lamar Hellams** '60, September 12, Summerville, S.C. He was a professor at Shorter College in Rome, Ga.

**JoAnn Meredith Moorhead** '61, June 16, Anderson, S.C. She was a teacher, educator and psychologist in Anderson School District 5 for 14 years and in nearby Abbeville County for 17 years.

**Martha Allen Elkins** '62, November 4, Columbus, Ga. She was the office manager in her husband's law firm.

**William Nelson Emery** '62, December 24, 2005, Black Mountain, N.C. He retired from Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in 1992 as business section supervisor after 26 years of service. He previously worked for Burlington Industries.

**Edwin Martin Coulter** '63, September 23, Santee, S.C. Upon graduation from Furman, he was awarded a Woodrow

Wilson Fellowship to study at the University of Virginia, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and the Raven Society.

In 1965 he became an associate professor at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and in 1968 he was appointed dean at Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Chickasha. He joined the faculty of Clemson University in 1971 and remained there as a professor of political science for 21 years before retiring. In 1992 the South Carolina House of Representatives passed a resolution to commend him for his dedicated service. He authored the text *Principles of Politics and Government*.

**Philip Carlton Robinson** '63, October 22, Greenville. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired from Brandon Sales.

**Gail DiGiacomo Bennett** '64, October 21, White Plains, N.Y. She served as acting director and assistant commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Probation in White Plains, and retired in 1999 after more than 35 years with the County of Westchester. She was vice regent of the Mohegan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Ossining Historical Society.

**Charles Wearn Connelly, Jr.** '65, September 20, Greenwich, Conn. He practiced law in Charlotte, N.C., for a number of years. In recent years he was engaged in commercial real estate.

He was a member of the North Carolina and Mecklenburg Bar associations and a former member of the South Carolina and District of Columbia Bar associations.

**William Wayne Hyatt** '67, September 11, Asheville, N.C. He retired from the South Carolina Department of Corrections in 1997 after 16 years as senior chaplain at Perry Correctional Institution. He was also chaplain at the Greenville County Detention Center and the S.C. State Hospital in Columbia. He served as executive director of the Moore County Center for the

Developmentally Disabled in Pinehurst, N.C., and was pastor of three Baptist churches in North Carolina.

**Claude Hamilton Howe, Jr.** (M.A. '68), September 22, Laurens, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Philippines in 1945 and in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, with a tour of duty in Germany. He was a career educator, serving as a teacher, coach, athletic director, high school principal and headmaster in a number of schools in South Carolina. He also served as vice president of the South Carolina Coaches Association and was honorary coach for the 2003 Shrine Bowl.

**James Douglas Zeller** '69, September 29, Charlotte, N.C. He was organist and associate choirmaster at several churches in Charlotte, most recently at the Church of the Holy Comforter from 1980 to 2005. He taught music appreciation and applied music at Central Piedmont Community College from 1974 until his death.

**Edgar Burton Alexander, Jr.** '70, April 3, Conway, Ark. Active in his community, he had served as commissioner of the Conway Planning Commission and on numerous public committees. He was associated with Novartis Pharmaceuticals for 35 years.

**David Hiott IV** '81, November 10, New Castle, Del. An authority on the rigging and sailing of traditional ships, he was master of the *Kalmar Nyckel*, Delaware's Tall Ship, a position he held since the ship's launch in 1997. The ship was a replica of the vessel that brought Delaware its first permanent European settlers. He was active in the redevelopment of the Wilmington (Del.) waterfront and just before his death received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Sail Training Association.

**Carol Lynn Prawl Calmes** '95, September 9, Mount Pleasant, S.C. She had been a special education teacher in California and most recently was a marketing research analyst for Cryovac North America.



## BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTRE BENEFITS FROM FURMAN CONNECTION .....

"Please keep the need for anti-snake venom on your prayer list," pharmacist Jane Paysinger reminds the gathering of volunteer physicians, nurses and career missionaries at the Baptist Medical Centre in Nalerigu, Ghana, West Africa. "There are less than 20 vials of the anti-snake venom serum left, and we don't know when any more will arrive."

Anti-snake venom serum is just one aspect of everyday life at the Baptist Medical Centre. Spitting cobras and carpet vipers pose a constant threat to the children and farmers in Nalerigu and vicinity, as during the past two years the BMC has averaged 475 admissions because of snakebites. Fortunately, few victims have died because medical personnel are always prepared to administer the serum.

Of late, a number of these medical personnel have had Furman connections. In March of 2006, two Furman parents, Paul and Joan Brock of Rome, Ga., took a team to the BMC. Paul, a surgeon, performed more than 30 operations, and Joan, a physical therapist, worked in the outpatient clinic. The Brocks are parents of Emily and Bennett Brock, a junior and a freshman, respectively, at Furman.

Last June, my brother Freeman Brook '91 joined me, my husband, Jimmy, and our sons, Samuel, James and William, on a mission trip to the BMC.

Jimmy is a family physician and obstetrician, and Freeman is a medical student at Mercer University Medical School. At the BMC they practiced all kinds of medicine, delivered babies and treated unfamiliar diseases. For Freeman, the experience added an entirely new dimension to his medical school experience.

While Jimmy and Freeman provided medical care, my sons and I worked with the village children. Our days consisted of jumping rope, dancing, singing, basketball, soccer, painting fingernails, reading books, sack races, juggling and magic tricks.

What prompted us to become so interested in this West African facility? George Faile III, a 1972 Furman graduate who is the hospital's medical director and one of its three career missionary physicians.

The Faile family was instrumental in establishing the BMC, which is affiliated with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. George Faile, Jr., a 1947 Furman graduate (now deceased), and his wife, Alice Johnston Faile '47, were the first missionaries to Nalerigu.

George Jr. surveyed the area, helped choose the location and oversaw the construction of the hospital. At first the BMC offered only outpatient services, but by the mid-1960s it included inpatient facilities, two surgical units and a residential tuberculosis program.

Having been raised at the centre, George III went on to attend college and

medical school in the States. He completed his residency at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Ga., and in 1987 he and his wife, Elisabeth, returned to Nalerigu, where they have raised their three sons.

George's work covers everything from surgery to pediatrics, oncology, orthopedics, obstetrics, skin grafts, dermatology and tropical medicine (malaria). Elisabeth, a nurse, directs the outpatient division.

Through the years the hospital has made dramatic contributions to the country it serves, and since its founding 40 churches have been planted through ministries associated with the BMC.

In the late 1980s the hospital responded to a measles epidemic by helping to immunize the local population. It opened a Department of Public Health to further support the region's needs and has created missionary opportunities for engaging

unreached individuals and villages.

In the late '90s the BMC's response to a widespread meningitis epidemic earned it the national Medal of Honor.

Today patients come to the Baptist Medical Centre from as far as 500 miles away. In 2005 alone the hospital treated more than 72,000 individuals and performed more than 3,500 surgeries. Hundreds of people come for treatment each day, and no one is turned away.

In 1997 three graduates of the Floyd Medical Center's family practice program — Paul and Cindy Shumpert and Willie Ree Howell — volunteered at the BMC. After seeing the vital role the hospital plays in the area, they established the George Faile

Foundation to provide supplemental financial support for the facility.

Currently the foundation is supporting a \$250,000 renovation of the BMC under the leadership of Bob Claytor, founder of Carpenters for Christ. Each year the foundation also funds one-month internships for 10 medical school residents. Studies have shown that up to 80 percent of medical students who take part in missions work eventually return to a developing country.

The Baptist Medical Centre is in need of skilled volunteers and welcomes the help of practicing physicians who are interested in medical missions work. Will you be the next Furman connection?

— LAURIE BROOK DOUGLAS '84



*George Faile '72 tends to a tiny patient at the hospital his parents founded.*

*For more about the BMC and the Faile Foundation, visit [www.failefoundation.org](http://www.failefoundation.org) and [www.baptistmedicalcenter.org](http://www.baptistmedicalcenter.org). The author lives in Rome, Ga., and is a member of the foundation's board.*

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